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The *Korherr Report* is, for the most part, about the departure of Jews from Europe, and, for the most part, impossible to interpret as being about killing Jews. Korherr's account of the Final Solution of the Jewish problem begins long before any program of mass-murder is supposed to have begun:

> *"Jewish emigration from Germany since 1933, in a way a restoration of the migration interrupted in 1870, aroused the special attention of the entire civilized world, esp*

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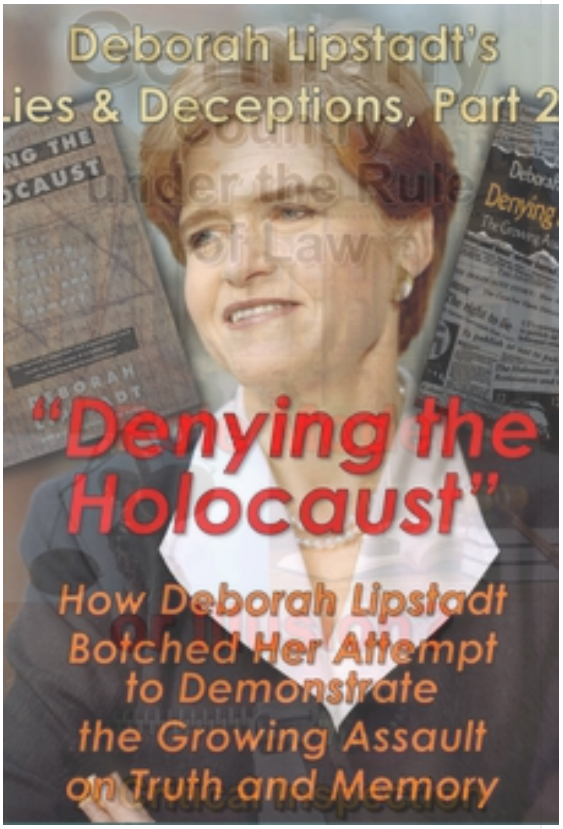
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> *Jewish-ruled democratic countries.*
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> *"Altogether European Jewry since 1933, thus in the first decade of the unfolding of National-Socialist German rule, seems to have lost almost half of its population." (Korherr Report)*

Irving summarizes the *Korherr Report* as saying that only 4 million Jews were left in Europe and that 1.24 million (a misquotation of Korherr's figure, 1,274,166 Jews) were sent to the camps in occupied Poland for "special treatment" (*Sonderbehandlung*). How does David Irving want us to interpret that word? By guessing:

> *"Well you don't have to be a rocket-scientist to guess what that word means."* (1:50:10-14)

If we are supposed to "guess" that a million or so Jews were killed in the Reinhardt camps, it should be a guess that at least makes some kind of sense. How would it have made sense, when by Korherr's account there were 17 million Jews in the world, and about half of those that were still in Europe ten years previously had left, to kill gratuitously some, but not all, of the Jews that had not yet left? Are the Germans supposed to have expended resources transporting Jews beyond the boundaries of the Reich only to kill them rather than resettle them, even though the Jewish problem had already been largely solved through emigration?

A "guess" like that would only make sense based on the premise offered by Anglo-American war-

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propaganda, that the rulers of Germany were criminal lunatics.

Irving invokes a kind of Hollywood gangster-movie interpretation of how things worked in National-Socialist Germany. Hollywood gangsters speak to each other in sinister euphemisms like "the garbage business," "going to the mattresses," and "an offer he can't refuse." *Sonderbehandlung* is supposed to be a word said with a sinister wink, like a gangster's euphemism.

Korherr himself wrote a letter that appeared in the July 1977 issue of *Der Spiegel* wherein he stated that *Sonderbehandlung* did not mean anything sinister. Irving testified about Korherr's complaint in 1988:

> *"He wrote a very long letter, as I understand it, to the German news magazine, Der Spiegel, a very irritated letter saying he's fed up with his report always being adduced as evidence that there was a mass murder of the Jews. The report that he wrote was quite a straightforward statistical report and at no stage in his report had he referred to the mass killing of large numbers of Jews ..."* (David Irving, Toronto 1988)

But David Irving in 2009 ignores Korherr's complaint.

Irving says that it is puzzling that the *Korherr Report* does not reckon Auschwitz together with the Operation Reinhardt camps, if Auschwitz was a killing-center. This observation is supposed to support implicitly Irving's current

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position that The Reinhardt camps were systematic killing-centers and Auschwitz not.

The obvious reason why Auschwitz was not reckoned with the Reinhardt camps is that the *Korherr Report* is about deporting Jews. Auschwitz is in Upper Silesia, which at that time was part of Germany, which means that Jews sent to Auschwitz had not yet been deported. The Reinhardt camps however were in the General Gouvernement, near its eastern boundary. Jews sent to the Reinhardt camps were being deported, whereas Jews sent to Auschwitz were not.

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